

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A surgical table for supporting a patient and a surgical instrument an object, comprising:

a base;

a patient support surface ~~mounted to~~ supported from said base, ~~said patient support surface having a head section and a longitudinal axis~~; and

a tray pivotally coupled to ~~said head section of said patient support surface and angularly rotatable~~, said tray having a first condition in which angular rotation of said tray about the axis of rotation is inhibited and a second condition in which said tray is rotatable angularly about the axis of rotation, said tray including a work surface, a first hinge member coupled with said patient support surface, a second hinge member coupled with said work surface, and a hinge pin journaled with said first hinge member and said second hinge member to define an axis of rotation about which said second hinge member and said work surface are rotatable relative to said first hinge member and said patient support surface, said hinge pin being moveable relative to said first hinge member and said second hinge member between an unlatched position in which said second hinge member and said work surface are angularly rotatable about an axis of rotation generally parallel to the longitudinal axis and a latched position in which said second

hinge member and said work surface are locked against rotation relative to said axis of rotation,
said work surface adapted to receive and support the surgical instrument object when said hinge
pin is in said first condition latched position.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The surgical table of claim [[3]] 1 wherein said tray includes a spring mechanism for spring biasing said hinge pin relative to said first and said second hinge members and toward said latched position.

5. (Currently Amended) The surgical table of claim 4 wherein said hinge pin includes a locking projection extending radially outwardly therefrom and one of said first and said second hinge members includes a side wall having a recess configured and dimensioned to engage said locking projection in said latched position ~~for providing said second condition~~ and to disengage said locking projection in said unlatched position ~~for providing said first condition~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The surgical table of claim 5 wherein said actuator spring mechanism further includes a stop for limiting ~~the longitudinal travel~~ a range of movement of said hinge pin within said first and said second hinge members substantially parallel to the axis of rotation.

7. (Original) The surgical table of claim 6 wherein said stop comprises a guide projection extending radially outward from said hinge pin and a slot on one of said first and said second hinge members, said stop movable within said slot.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The surgical table of claim [[8]] 1 wherein said planar work surface includes a beveled rim and a recessed central portion surrounded by said beveled rim.

10. (Currently Amended) The surgical table of claim 1 wherein said patient support surface includes a head section to which said first hinge member is attached, a torso section adjacent to said head section, and a longitudinal axis substantially parallel to said axis of rotation, said torso section adapted to support the torso of the patient and tapered from a greater transverse width to a lesser transverse width in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal axis and directed from said torso section to said head section.

11. (New) The surgical table of claim 4 wherein said spring mechanism spring biases said hinge pin along said axis of rotation, and said hinge pin is movable substantially parallel to said axis of rotation between the latched position and the unlatched position.

12. (New) The surgical table of claim 7 wherein said slot is oriented along said axis of rotation, and said hinge pin is movable substantially parallel to said axis of rotation between the latched position and the unlatched position.

13. (New) The surgical table of claim 1 wherein said hinge pin is moveable substantially parallel to said axis of rotation between the latched position and the unlatched position.

14. (New) A tray for supporting an object proximate to a surgical table, comprising:

a work surface;

a first hinge member adapted to be coupled with the surgical table;

a second hinge member coupled with said work surface; and

a hinge pin journaled with said first hinge member and said second hinge member

to define an axis of rotation, said hinge pin being moveable relative to said first hinge member and said second hinge member between an unlatched position in which said second hinge member and said work surface are angularly rotatable about said axis of rotation and a latched position in which said second hinge member and said work surface are locked against rotation relative to said axis of rotation, said work surface adapted to receive and support the object when said hinge pin is in said latched position.

15. (New) The tray of claim 14 wherein said tray includes a spring mechanism for spring biasing said hinge pin relative to said first and said second hinge members and toward said latched position.

16. (New) The tray of claim 15 wherein said hinge pin includes a locking projection extending radially outwardly therefrom and one of said first and said second hinge members includes a side wall having a recess configured and dimensioned to engage said locking projection in said latched position and to disengage said locking projection in said unlatched position.

17. (New) The tray of claim 16 wherein said spring mechanism further includes a stop for limiting a range of movement of said hinge pin within said first and said second hinge members substantially parallel to said axis of rotation.

18. (New) The tray of claim 17 wherein said stop comprises a guide projection extending radially outward from said hinge pin and a slot on one of said first and said second hinge members, said stop movable within said slot.

19. (New) The tray of claim 18 wherein said slot is oriented along said axis of rotation, and said hinge pin is movable substantially parallel to said axis of rotation between the latched position and the unlatched position.

20. (New) The tray of claim 15 wherein said spring mechanism spring biases said hinge pin along said axis of rotation, and said hinge pin is movable substantially parallel to said axis of rotation between the latched position and the unlatched position.

21. (New) The tray of claim 14 wherein said hinge pin is moveable substantially parallel to said axis of rotation between the latched position and the latched position.